

### Quad Cities Alliance for Immigrants and Refugees

QCAIR supports people arriving



from outside the country to help them integrate into the Quad Cities community. Through public advocacy, QCAIR highlights the contributions of immigrants and refugees, fostering appreciation and acceptance. QCAIR also collaborates with service providers to connect people to the direct services that they need.

QCAIR continues its US Citizenship education effort. Our Immigration Workshops, held in partnership with the Moline Esperanza Center and World Relief Moline, educated immigrants and refugees about the citizenship process, what was required, and why citizenship is important. Forty-five immigrants and refugees attended the November workshop, and we are planning another workshop for February 2019. We are also expanding the program into Iowa, with our initial education outreach scheduled for September 2019.

In June, the Illinois Department of Human Rights recognized

QCAIR's work with immigrants and refugees. We will be recognized by the Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Corporation in January. We are excited to increase our efforts and our contributions during FY 2019!

The Immigrant Entrepreneur Summit (an Iowa City non-profit) held a July seminar in Moline for individuals interested in starting their own businesses. QCAIR and 10 other organizations participated, providing information to approximately 250 individuals. We are already excited about participating in the 2019 Summit!

Our annual US Citizenship Honors Dinner celebrated immigrants and refugees who obtained US citizenship! These individuals could have emigrated to any location worldwide, but they chose the Quad Cities! Dr. Martin Logo, a refugee from TOGO who now oversees a program for the Centers for Disease Control, and Tony Singh, founder of the Singh Family Foundation and employee at Meryl Lunch, were the featured speakers. Highlights included a meal, food samples from several countries around the world, and an art display by a local Rumanian immigrant.

QCAIR has also been working with our partners Global Communities, One Human Family,

and the Quad City Chamber to make the Quad Cities a warmer and more welcoming community both for immigrants and refugees as well as for businesses run by immigrants and refugees. Many other organizations ask us for guidance regarding clients that needs assistance that they do not know how to help. We provide information and recommendations to the organizations so they can better assist individuals.

QCAIR is leading Iowa Shares' effort to expand its reach into eastern counties in the state. Our representatives have talked with other non-profits about becoming a member of Iowa Shares, and reaching out two local public institutions about allowing Iowa Shares to solicit workplace donations during the annual fundraising campaign.

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## NEW AMERICANS INITIATIVE (NAI PROGRAM)

Illinois: held September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at the Moline Public Library.

As the fiscal year continues, QCAIR looks at holding this event at multiple libraries in Illinois. We hope a rotating schedule will facilitate easier access to those individuals who face issues with transit and mobility.

Please feel free to share our events via Facebook and let us know if you are interested in helping us host a U.S. Citizenship Educational Session!

Iowa: Unofficial 1<sup>st</sup> Program offered September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Eastern Iowa Community College (EICC) Urban Campus, Downtown Davenport, IA

QCAIR strives to provide services on both sides of the river. If there is an Iowa location or potential host site, please reach out as we are always looking for ways to connect with immigrants and refugees in need of service within the Quad Cities Area.

Illinois: held October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 4251 11th Ave, Moline, IL 61265

Iowa Unofficial Upcoming:  
The Center, Date TBD!  
Stay Tuned!!!

### TOP 6 BENEFITS OF CITIZENSHIP



THE  
NEW AMERICANS  
CAMPAIGN

LEARN MORE AT  
NEWAMERICANS CAMPAIGN.ORG

Illinois Held: November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at  
Moline Public Library

Immigration & Citizenship Workshop

QCAIR

Esperanza

Brooks Legal Team



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# QCAIR President's Corner:

THANK YOU!

Since nearly closing our doors two years ago, QCAIR has worked tirelessly to do everything we can to be a resource to the community in connecting immigrants and refugees with service providers; while simultaneously educating the Quad Cities Community about all the innovative and talented individuals we are blessed to have call the QCA home.

It hasn't always been easy, but with the continued support of our partners, donors, sponsors and friends; QCAIR strives to continue to improve all we do for this great community.

This holiday season, we ask you to look into your hearts and consider a year end gift to QCAIR; no amount is too small to show your support for our mission of helping immigrants and refugees successfully integrate into the Quad Cities Community.

## LOOKING FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

Do you want to make a difference in your community? In the lives of Immigrants and Refugees in the Quad Cities Area?

Contact any of our current board members!

Or send an email to: [qcair@qcair.org](mailto:qcair@qcair.org) with what you can bring to the position, and if you happen to be an immigrant/ refugee yourself!

**We look forward to hearing from you!**

### Board Members:

Dale Haake

Marsha Jones

Susan Leuthauser

George Barajas

Isaac Carr

Ioan Marcu

Dr. Marcie Phillis

Vincent Thomas

Grant Curtis, President

Nana Ouro-Agoro, VP

Larry Brown, Treasurer

# IMMIGRATION NATION

**QCAIR is looking for a treasurer, secretary, and at-large board member!**

**If you are interested, please contact President Grant**

**Curtis: (563) 528-0835**



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# SUCCESSFUL EVENTS



## QC Multicultural Fest

QCAIR was one of many represented at: this first annual event, held on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

## U.S. Citizenship Honor's Dinner

November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Thank you for helping us honor all those who have committed to making the Quad Cities their home!



QCAIR was proud to be apart of the Mercado on Fifth in Moline, IL this year. We were represented at nearly every Friday event; when weather was not a deterrant. Thank you Mercado for helping us connect with the community! We are excited for next year!

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BIENVENIDOS BIENVENUE SELAMAT DATANG AKWAABA  
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# WELCOME

CHAO MUNG GUENS SA BISUI YUBTU XIMOCEHUITZINO  
SIYAKWAMUKELA BENVENUTO HAYWOKUY  
HOS GELDINE KAAQD WITAMY

Two Rivers YMCA is hosting 2 days of Welcoming Week  
Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

FREE  
AND OPEN  
TO THE PUBLIC

September 17<sup>th</sup>:

## Welcoming Week Two Rivers YMCA



President Grant Curtis representing QCAIR at Welcoming Week in Moline, IL. We are always happy to be a part of events that bring awareness, inclusivity and diversity to the Quad Cities Area (QCA). Thank you Two Rivers YMCA for putting on such a fantastic event! Dedicated to making the QCA a more warm, welcoming and inclusive community!

If you have an event in which QCAIR can set-up a table to share our mission and distribute resources, please reach out to [gcair@gcair.org](mailto:gcair@gcair.org) Thank you!



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If you would like to support QCAIR, but like so many of us, cannot find the time, please consider becoming a donor: contact [qcair@qcair.org](mailto:qcair@qcair.org), send a check or drop by: 1411 Brady St. Davenport, IA 52803. Thank you!



## Specific Involvement Opportunities:

- **Annual Citizenship Honor's Dinner**
  - Attend planning meetings
  - Spread the word! Hand-out-flyers!
  - Volunteer to help at the Event
- **Various Cultural Events**
  - Tend QCAIR's table and inform attendees about QCAIR
- **QCAIR Website**
  - Bloggers
  - Immigration & Refugee Feature Stories
- **Citizenship Paperwork: Assist immigrants fill out documents**

## GENERAL VOLUNTEER CATEGORIES

- Event Planning/ Press Releases
- Fundraising/ Grant Writing
- Outreach
- Jobs Team
- Translation
- Education & Training/ Tutoring
- Transportation
- Graphics & Design

Contact: [qcair@qcair.org](mailto:qcair@qcair.org) if you are interested  
or call (594) 594 - 0854





# IOWA SHARES

## *Connecting People Who Care with Causes that Matter*

**Iowa Shares** is a coalition of social change, environmental and cultural nonprofit organizations throughout Iowa. Your support through Iowa Shares can make a unique and direct impact on our communities through education, advocacy and direct service.

**You can** support Iowa Shares through workplace giving or direct support. Your gift will make it possible for our members to protect children and families, animals and the environment; improve the health and nutrition of at-risk citizens; strengthen human and civil rights; and promote reading, culture and the arts.

**Supporting our communities through workplace giving**

QCAIR is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that works to serve the immigrant and refugee communities in the Quad City area. Our mission is to build a community among immigrants, refugees, and citizens of the Quad Cities. We connect people to services and communities in the area and partner with other organizations to identify needs and find solutions.



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